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SaskMusic recording industry association CEO J.P. Ellson, holding CDs released by Saskatchewan musicians, expects the new Creative Saskatchewan agency to lift the province's performers onto the world stage. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO IN REGINA

Let's get Creative, Saskatchewan: SaskMusic CEO

Funding support for artists. 'It's absolutely essential,' recording exec says, as process to launch agency takes major step with reading of legislation

ROSS ROMANIUK
Metro in Regina

A move to bring Saskatchewan arts and culture to the world took a large step on Tuesday at the legislature.

The introduction of legislation to launch Creative Saskatchewan is expected to eventually give filmmakers, musicians, painters, dancers and other artists a boost to show, far outside the province's boundaries, what they can do.

"It's absolutely essential, if we're going to be able to compete on a global basis with other jurisdictions," J.P. Ellson, CEO of SaskMusic, said of the organization that will run as an arm's-length government agency in providing funding support for artists and performers.

Creative Saskatchewan's specific mandate hasn't been nailed down, though it's anticipated to have representatives of the visual arts, film, digital media, music, publishing and theatre sectors holding key positions.

Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Kevin Doherty said the agency will take applications from artists for funding "to commercialize your product, to market your product" before decisions are made on who gets how much of the cash.

"There are significant dollars here," Doherty said, citing $5 million in last week's provincial budget for the agency and another $1.5 million or so in existing support for related industry associations.

Talkin' big bucks

Noting similar agencies under creation or being considered in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, SaskMusic CEO J.P. Ellson said the money on the table in Saskatchewan "is unheard of across the country right now."

- "Other provinces are looking at similar agencies, but they're not giving that kind of support. I think with B.C.'s version, the budget is $1 million in total," he said.

Two-way street

Next month's Junos to bring the world to province

A larger profile is in the works for the province's musicians through Creative Saskatchewan. And next month, Saskatchewan's music industry will be on a stage of its own here at home when the Juno Awards hit Regina and Moose Jaw.

"These are the kinds of things that bring the world to Saskatchewan," Culture Minister Kevin Doherty said of the nationally televised Juno show and its related weeklong festival, slated for April 15 to 21.

He also noted that the Western Canadian Music Awards were held in Regina last fall and that Saskatoon has hosted the Canadian Country Music Awards.

"We also want," he said, "the opportunity to take Saskatchewan artists to the world."

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'Lies after lies'

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford denies having the drinking problem alleged by anonymous sources PAGE 4

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Movies about parasitic aliens, that is. PAGE 7

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Charges laid after dead infant allegedly sent to landfill in 2010

Mother a suspect. SPS says investigation has been a 'long process'

A 19-year-old woman is facing charges after the body of a dead infant was allegedly sent to the Saskatoon landfill in 2010.

According to a release from the Saskatoon Police Service, major-crime investigators have charged the woman with neglect to obtain assistance in childbirth and concealing the body of a child.

The release says on Oct. 27, 2010, the SPS began receiving information from sources regarding the birth of a baby and the events that followed.

Police say investigators located and interviewed a 17-year-old girl. They determined she had given birth to a baby girl at her home and the deceased baby had been placed in a garbage container outside.

The SPS collaborated with other agencies to do a thorough "grid search" of the Saskatoon landfill. The area searched was equivalent to the size of a football field, containing roughly 2,100 metric tonnes of garbage, but no evidence was found.

Alyson Edwards, SPS director of public affairs, said the investigation has been a "long process," noting that conditions made the initial seven-day search a challenge.

"This was at the end of October, the beginning of November, when it was starting to get cold out," said Edwards. "Obviously the conditions were somewhat hazardous up there, just with the amount of material you're dealing with in a landfill and the fact the weather made conditions slippery and a bit treacherous."

Edwards also noted that incidents like these are uncommon in the city.

"This is the type of investigation that, thankfully, does not take place very often within our jurisdiction ... and we're pleased we can bring about some sort of conclusion, although the whole incident is very tragic."

The suspect, who is charged as a youth, is scheduled to appear in court on May 1.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Vehicles are seen dropping off garbage at the Saskatoon landfill on Tuesday afternoon. Police say they've charged a 19-year-old woman after a dead infant was allegedly disposed of in a garbage container and eventually taken to the city's landfill in 2010. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Aboriginal youth

FSIN urges more federal funds for education

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations wants the federal government to spend more money on education for aboriginal students.

The group says there is a big gap between what is spent on schools on reserves and on schools that are funded by the province.

A report commissioned by the federation says this funding gap of up to 50 per cent is preventing aboriginal students from reaching their full potential.

The report also recommends the federal government consult more with First Nations before making changes to legislation that affects aboriginal education.

Vice-chief Simon Bird says Ottawa has an obligation to fund First Nations students at an equitable rate.

The federation represents 74 First Nations in Saskatchewan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Electoral boundaries

Tories take issue with commission redrawing ridings

Conservative MPs are accusing the independent commission charged with redrawing Saskatchewan's riding maps of ignoring evidence and making up its mind early in the process.

The electoral-boundaries commission recommended last year that more ridings be made exclusively rural or urban instead of hybrids.

That's supported by the NDP and Liberals, who theoretically benefit from more urban ridings, but has been vigorously attacked by the Conservatives.

Conservative MPs testifying at a Commons committee say the commission appeared to side with the views of a group of political scientists early on in the process and even purposely ignored evidence.

Some of the MPs complain that the proposed changes would make it harder to provide service to their constituents, creating long distances to cover.

But Saskatchewan Liberal MP Ralph Goodale defends the work of the commission as balanced. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Italian court orders retrial for Amanda Knox and ex-boyfriend

Protracted murder case. Pair were convicted and later acquitted in slashing of roommate

Italy's highest criminal court ordered a whole new trial for Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend on Tuesday, overturning their acquittals in the gruesome slaying of her British roommate.

Knox, now a 25-year-old University of Washington student in Seattle, called the decision "painful" but said she was confident she would be exonerated.

The American left Italy a free woman after her 2011 acquittal — but only after serving nearly four years of a 26-year prison sentence from a lower court that convicted her of murdering Meredith Kercher. The 21-year-old British exchange student's body was found in November 2007 in a rented house the two shared in the Italian town of Perugia. Her throat had been slit.

Raffaele Sollecito, Knox's Italian boyfriend at the time, was also convicted, sentenced and later acquitted.

It could be months before a date is set for a fresh trial for Knox and Sollecito.

Italian law cannot compel Knox to return for the new trial and one of her lawyers, Carlo Dalla Vedova, said she had no plans to do so.

It was a tough blow for the former exchange student, whose parents have had to mortgage both their homes to raise funds for her lengthy, expensive defence.

Prosecutors alleged that Kercher was the victim of a drug-fuelled sex game gone awry. Knox and Sollecito denied wrongdoing and said they weren't in the apartment that night, although they acknowledged they had smoked marijuana and their memories were clouded.

An Ivory Coast man, Rudy Guede, was convicted of the Kercher slaying in a separate proceeding and is serving a 16-year sentence.

Whether Knox ever returns to Italy to serve more prison time depends on a string of ifs and unknowns.

Whether Italy actually requests extradition will be a political decision made by a future Italian government.

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Amanda Knox in 2011 after hearing the verdict that overturned her murder conviction. PIER PAOLO CITO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Prepared statement

Knox reacts

Knox said it was "painful to receive the news," after the trial showed the prosecution case was "unfounded and unfair."

"My family and I will face this continuing legal battle as we always have, confident in the truth and with our heads held high in the face of ... unreasonable adversity," the 25-year-old said in a statement Tuesday.

Mark Waterbury, author of The Monster of Perugia: The Framing of Amanda Knox, said, "It just amazes me that the system drags on ... when the case would have been thrown out in the United States long ago."

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War on drugs. Police went too doggone far in search, says U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police violated a Miami-area homeowner's constitutional rights by using a dog to sniff outside the home being used to grow marijuana.

The court voted 5-4 to uphold a court decision throwing out the evidence seized because of Franky the dog's alert to police.

Justice Antonin Scalia said a house and its surroundings are constitutionally protected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Franky, a narcotics-detector canine. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Royal Caribbean

Death on cruise 'suspicious': FBI

An FBI spokesman says a death aboard a Royal Caribbean cruise ship has been classified as suspicious.

The FBI is investigating the death of a 62-year-old Virginia woman who travelled on the Enchantment of the Seas. Royal Caribbean says the woman's husband found her body inside her cabin on Sunday.

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Toronto mayor rejects 'lies' of alcohol abuse

Toronto's embattled mayor is denying allegations that he showed up drunk for an official function last month, dismissing the latest controversy to plague his mayoralty as "lies after lies."

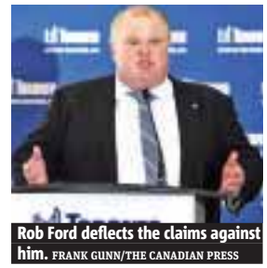
An agitated Rob Ford addressed the allegations briefly at a news conference Tuesday, blasting a Toronto newspaper for what he called its "relentless" attacks against him.

"It's the Toronto Star going after me again," he said.

The Star reported Ford was asked to leave the Garrison Ball, which raises money for the Wounded Warriors charity, over concerns he was drunk.

It also said current and former members of Ford's staff have described a longtime battle with alcohol abuse.

The paper's report is based on several unnamed organizers and guests. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rob Ford deflects the claims against him. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moonshine, aftershave killing droves in ex-Soviet nations

A supermarket in Ternopil, western Ukraine. ROMAN ZACHARIJ/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Alcohol causes 40 to 60 per cent of premature deaths among working-age men and a third of women in the former Soviet nations, according to research from medical journal The Lancet. Homemade and non-commercial spirits are blamed, along with government failures, for the death of around a million people annually.

"The big problem is the easy availability of spirits from pharmacies, sold as products such as aftershave," Martin McKee, Lancet author and alcohol specialist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, told Metro. "Everyone knows about this, but there is a reluctance toward programs with a medical approach."

Of the 12 ex-Soviet states, Ukraine and Belarus are the greatest concerns, says McKee. "There are no restrictions, and the problems continue to grow."

Russia is one of the highest consumers of alcohol and has the highest risk rating from the World Health Organization. There has been progress — spirits are more tightly controlled, and beer has replaced vodka as the most popular drink — but the problem is growing.

"Despite some advances, the situation is desperate," said Dr. Yury Razvodovsky, alcohol and drug researcher at Belarus' Grodno State Medical University. "It's crucial to improve the quality of licensed alcohol as many people believe homemade products are better, explaining the popularity of moonshine." Police must target illegal production, now a major industry, Razvodovsky added.

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Perils of alcohol

"The cause of two-thirds of alcohol mortality is sudden cardiac arrest with no warning," said Kirill Danishevsky, co-chair of Control Alcohol!, a Russian grassroots group.

- The Lancet report found that alcohol increased the risk of diseases such as tuberculosis.
- Consumption was also tied to homicide rates.

Regulator ups capital buffer on 6 biggest banks

Too big to fail. Move aims to limit the chance a major bank 'would encounter distress or failure,' says OSFI head

The federal financial supervisor has slapped a too-big-to-fail label on Canada's six largest banks, declaring they will need to carry a bigger capital buffer and be subjected to stricter supervision than their smaller peers.

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions said Tuesday that the "systemically important" designation stems from a framework issued by the Basel committee on banking oversight in October that set out guidelines for assessing domestic financial institutions.

By coincidence, the Bank of Canada announced it would regulate SwapClear, the dominant global system for centrally clearing over-the-counter interest-rate swaps operated from the United Kingdom.

The central bank said SwapClear could pose systemic risk to the Canadian financial system, adding the new designation would make the system "safer and more resilient."

Under the new OSFI requirement, the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto-Dominion Bank will be subject to an additional one per cent capital buffer for risk.

The banks will need to have a common equity tier 1 ratio of eight per cent as compared with seven per cent for smaller, less important financial institutions as of Jan. 1, 2016. The OSFI changes are also designed to make Canada's leading banks more bulletproof in the event of a financial crisis.

"The measures ... are designed to limit the likelihood that a major bank would encounter distress or failure that could negatively impact the Canadian economy or taxpayers," OSFI head Julie Dickson said in a news release.

Economics professor Ian Lee of the Sprott School of Business said the change was not a surprise given the dominance of the big banks, but that Canadians should not be concerned about the banking sector.

He said he believed the markets would "shrug" at the announcement. The only possible repercussions are that the banks could wind up restricting their stock buyback and dividend programs, but even that is far from certain, he said.

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"I really do believe they are the most solid, secure, safest banks in the world and the World Economic Forum has said so five years in a row, so it's not just me saying that. We also have a very diligent regulator, unlike the Europeans."

Economics professor Ian Lee of the Sprott School of Business

When studying really pays off

Nick d'Aloisio, 17, displays his mobile application Summly in London on Tuesday. He has become one of Britain's youngest Internet entrepreneurs after selling the app to search giant Yahoo. D'Aloisio, who dreamed up the idea for the content-shortening program when he was studying for his exams, said he was surprised by the deal. As with its other recent acquisitions, Yahoo didn't disclose how much it is paying for Summly, although British newspapers put the deal's value at several million dollars. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgages. BMO to end special low interest rate

Bank of Montreal will end a controversial low mortgage rate at the end of this week, when the limited-time offer runs out. The bank says the posted rate for a fixed five-year mortgage will return to 3.09 per cent, where it was before being lowered to 2.99 per cent.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty had called Bank of Montreal to express his disapproval of its decision to offer the special low rate starting on March 4.

The minister also praised other banks when they didn't follow Bank of Montreal's lead, and had one of his officials make a call when Manulife later announced a rate cut. Manulife decided a day later to reverse its cut, but BMO kept its offer in place.

The official date for the BMO change is Friday, but Canadian banks will be closed that day for Good Friday.

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Say Yes to the Dress. Kleinfeld Bridal coming to Hudson's Bay

Canadian brides could soon be crying and gushing as they say "yes" to the dress because retailer Kleinfeld Bridal is setting up shop next year in Toronto.

Hudson's Bay announced Tuesday that the department store will have exclusive rights to the luxury brand in Canada. It plans to open a 20,000-square-foot Kleinfeld salon in its Queen Street store.

Kleinfeld, founded in 1941, is famous for its 35,000-square-foot salon in the Chelsea district of Manhattan that features thousands of designer gowns. But it has come to mainstream prominence through the TLC television reality show Say Yes to the Dress, in which brides go in search of the ideal wedding gown.

Some are picky and difficult, while others are aiming to please loved ones with their choice or desperately trying to stay within their budgets. But the show usually ends with soon-to-be brides in tears as they say "yes" to their dream dress. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Language dispute

'Ogooglebar' causes dustup

Sweden's language watchdog has accused Google of trying to control the national language in a dispute over the definition of the colloquial term "ungoogleable" — or "ogooglebar," in Swedish. The watchdog defined it as something "that cannot be found on the web with a search engine." But Google objected, asking for changes showing it refers to Google searches.

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JUST SAYIN'

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I'm not sure what it is about giant pandas.

Most of the time, they just sit there. The rest of the time they eat bamboo. Repeat.

But this week, two giant pandas are the toast of Toronto, and therefore the rest of Canada. China has loaned two of the rare bears to Canada — five years in Toronto, and then five in Calgary — and they landed at Pearson airport Monday, via FedEx.

Stephen Harper, who looks a little panda-esque himself, signed for the bears.

The rest of us will have to travel to Toronto or Calgary if we want to watch Er Shun (the girl panda) and Da Mao (the boy) just sit there and eat bamboo.

Of course, the other important panda viewing activity is watching them have sex. There are only between 1,500 and 3,000 of these bears left in the world, so whenever a pair overcomes the performance anxiety that goes with being a spectacle of international co-operation and produces a cub or cubs, there is much rejoicing.

There's even a form of pornography dedicated to encouraging pandas to get it on. It doesn't really work.

So Er Shun and Da Mao travelled 15 hours in a box to live in a zoo and get gawked at. Not a tantalizing prospect if you prefer the seclusion and serenity of the mountain forests of your natural habitat in Sichuan, China. But when you're on the Red List of Threatened Species, I suppose you should feel grateful you can still earn your bamboo by just sitting there, looking awfully cute.

So cute that Toronto hopes millions of people will line up to watch Er Shun and Da Mao just sit there, plus buy the inevitable panda spinoffs.

Of course, not everyone is enchanted by the pandamonium, especially those who think we should close all the zoos and set the animals free into the wild.

Where, I might add, it is more than likely they will be systematically poached, climate-changed, overrun — and run over — into oblivion.

Any visit to a zoo these days is a depressing experience, not just because zoos are depressing places (spend some time watching morose gorillas behind glass: uplifting), but because there is literally no survival alternative for a vast array of species on display.

Zoos are, really, the last safe places for many animals. But only the cute ones — like pandas — or the interesting ones — like gorillas.

Ugly or nondescript critters just go quietly extinct without a fuss even from animal-rights advocates, who have a tendency to champion the poster pandas and leave the wart hogs to fend for themselves.

If you don't believe me, I leave you with a simple number, more eloquent than I will ever be: 200.

That's the number of species, according to the UN, that are gone every day.

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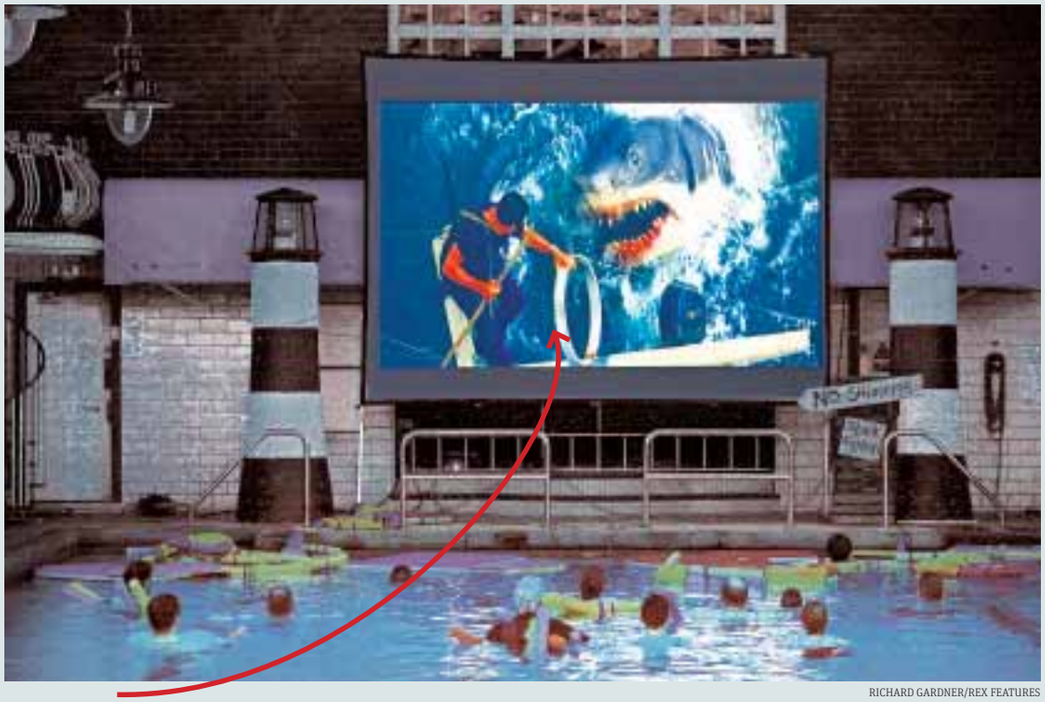

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Ever see a shark attack in a pool?

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water ... there's a shark attack on your screen. A swimming pool in Leeds, England, has been transformed into a swim-along cinema.

The temporary set up at Bramley Baths featured a large projector screen and speakers streaming the audio both under and over the water.

For Jane Earnshaw, cinema organizer and festival director of I Love West Leeds Festival, coming up with the idea of a swim-along cinema was simple.

"In the past, our festival organized popup cinemas in parks and housing estates," she told Metro. "I wanted to have one in a local swimming pool and I thought to myself, 'What is the most iconic water movie?' There was only one answer and it was Jaws. It was an absolute cinch." METRO WORLD NEWS

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swimmers took part in the event. Another 25 visitors flanked the pool's balconies to watch Jaws. Previous quirky events at the venue have included a floating orchestra and an underwater art exhibition.

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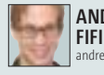

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If sending a tweet is like tossing a pebble into the ocean, then these folks who repurpose them are the heroes sifting through the silt in search of pebbles they can polish to a shine.

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Jen B posted to metronews.ca

RE: Tory Backbenchers Say They're Muzzled, published March 26

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Albert Ormiston posted to metronews.ca

RE: U.S. Bars Test Boundaries of Legal Marijuana, published March 26

I think what Vapor Central, a vapor lounge in Toronto, provides is a very successful model: No alcohol allowed. Like myself, many cannabis users do not drink or want to be around drinking and drunks.
MaryJane Cannabian posted to metronews.ca

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Max Irons and Saoirse Ronan star in The Host — an alien movie from the Twilight author. ALAN MARKFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not your typical alien movie

The Host. The latest offering from the Twilight author flips the script on what has been the standard blood bath flick

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In The Host, the hotly anticipated new film written by Twilight scribe Stephenie Meyer, a parasitic alien is injected into the body of Melanie Stryder, played by Saoirse Ronan.

Sounds grim, but remember, this is from the lady who gave us sparkly vampires and undying love, so the alien inside is kind of a lovesick creature who helps the host body find her loved ones.

That's a lot more benign than other parasitic alien movies.

The most famous alien organism — in the movie Alien, naturally — literally burst on the screen, poking its horrible head through the chest of John Hurt in one of cinema's most indelibly creepy moments.

To get a natural reaction from his actors, director Ridley Scott didn't fully explain what was about to happen as they shot the scene.

"Everyone (on the crew) was wearing raincoats," said Sigourney Weaver. "We should have been a little suspicious."

When the alien came careening out of Hurt's body the actors were genuinely surprised.

Blood oozed all over the set and the shock was so intense it's alleged that Veronica Cartwright passed out and Yaphet Kotto was so freaked out he went to his room and wouldn't talk to anyone.

Much less bloody is The Puppet Masters, which sees the earth invaded by alien "slugs" that piggyback on people's backs, controlling their minds.

Based on the Robert A. Heinlein 1951 novel, the film starred Donald Sutherland, who also appeared in one of the genre's classics, Invasion of the Body Snatchers.

Scary movie

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On the unforgettable scene in Alien

The original movie of the story, taken from Jack Finney's classic novel The Body Snatchers, dates from 1956 and has been declared by the Library of Congress as "culturally, historically, or esthetically significant," but it is the Sutherland version, from 1978, that is truly chilling.

The story of alien infiltration — humans are being replaced one by one by emotionless ETs — was called "the best film of its kind ever made" by The New Yorker's Pauline Kael and a movie that "validates the entire concept of remakes," according to Variety.

The strangest movie parasite wasn't an alien, but a bug that feeds on fear.

In the Tingler, these parasites attach themselves to their host's spine and tingle when the host is frightened or scared.

In its original 1959 run it was shown with the Percepto! gimmick that gave some of the theatre seats a small electrical jolt — or tingle — during the movie's climax.

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James Franco lets it spill on Hathaway and Lohan

James Franco insists he and Anne Hathaway have made peace with each other after their disastrous Oscars hosting gig two years ago.

"Anne and I made up, by the way. Let's just get that on the record," Franco told Howard Stern during an interview.

"It was a really hard time after the Oscars. She wasn't mad at me, I don't think. She didn't say she was mad at me for what happened. The critics were so nasty."

The Spring Breakers star also addressed a rumour that he'd turned down an offer to sleep with Lindsay Lohan.

"I don't want to, like, brag about it. I don't know how that got out," Franco said.

James Franco.
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Not trying to kiss and tell

"I don't want to, like, brag about it. I don't know how that got out."

James Franco
Speaking about Lindsay Lohan asking him to have sex with her.

"She was having issues even then, so you feel weird. Honestly, she was a friend. I've met a lot of people that are troubled, and sometimes you don't want to do that."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Chris Brown trying to nurse his public black eye

THE WORD
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Chris Brown was PR coached within an inch of his life before appearing on On Air With Ryan Seacrest yesterday.

How do we know?

The singer said everything that everyone wants him to say about his brutal assault of girlfriend Rihanna four years ago.

"I just tried my best to be the best man I could be over the years and just show her how remorseful and sorry I was for the incident and that time was probably the worst part of my life and being that she has and she's a wonderful person I'm eternally grateful and thankful," he said about trying to make amends with her and the world.

And as for the backlash that the two are back together?

"People are entitled to their opinions. I can't go around blaming. It's all about my responsibility and me growing up as a man," he said. "So I think now that I'm becoming older, and trying to mature in this life under the public eye at all times, I have to focus on doing the right thing and being more of a humble individual."

Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus

Cyrus and Hemsworth still working out their problems

Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth are reunited after his four-week visit to his native Australia, and all the speculation about their relationship status "has caused a lot of stress" for them, according to E! News.

"There are some serious problems going on, but seeing them together, they do genuinely love each other and they really do want to work it out," a source says of the ordeal.

"His trip to Australia was a way for them to figure out what they wanted to do and have time to think for themselves."

Playboy king has lost count of his conquests, but he's no cheater

How many women exactly has 86-year-old Playboy founder Hugh Hefner bedded down over the years?

"How could I possibly know? Over a thousand, I'm sure," Hefner tells Esquire magazine.

"There were chunks of my life when I was married, and when I was married I never cheated. But I made up for it when I wasn't married. You have to keep your hand in."

For those keeping track at home, as of December Hefner is once again married.

Hugh Hefner.

This time to 26-year-old Playmate Crystal Harris.

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5 Free things to do when in Amsterdam

Most of downtown Amsterdam looks like one huge open-air museum and strolling its streets costs you nothing. Renting a bike is not free, but if you want to go native, it's the only way to travel. Just watch out for the traffic and tram rails.

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The canals

Amsterdam's canals are 400 years old this year, but strolling along the waterways never gets old. The scenery includes Golden Age mansions dating to the 17th century, converted warehouses and narrow buildings that sometimes look like they're ready to topple over sideways. The ring of canals starts with the Singel, which boasts a floating flower market. Then come the Herengracht, Keizersgracht and finally the Prinsengracht. Once you've worked up a thirst pounding the cobbled sidewalks, stop off for a drink in one of the "brown cafés" — small bars named for their dark wooden interiors — along the canals or in the web of narrow alleys that interconnect them. If you visit the Red Light District (and most tourists do), you'll discover that it's also built around two historic canals.

Begijnhof

The clatter of trams and ringing of bicycle bells can be an assault on the ears, but there's a hidden oasis of peace in the heart of Amsterdam if you need a little quiet time. The Begijnhof is a small grassed courtyard surrounded by beautiful 17th- and 18th-century houses that were originally built for pious Catholic single women. It's right in the middle of town and reachable by a gateway at the end of a lane leading off one of the city's busiest shopping streets, but it is almost eerily silent. The courtyard also holds a small English Reformed Church and a Catholic chapel. If you don't manage to get into the Rijksmuseum to see Rembrandt's Night Watch, right around the corner from the Begijnhof is another hidden (and free) gem of the city, the Schuttersgalerij, or Civil Guard Gallery, of the Amsterdam Museum.

Vondelpark

The city's most famous park is just a stone's throw from Museum Square and a great place for a picnic. The 116-acre park (47 hectares) has ponds, tree-lined pathways, kids' playgrounds, an open-air theatre and cafés. You can rent inline skates, but it's mainly just a great place to lay down a blanket and sit for an hour or two watching the world go by. Look out for the Picasso sculpture of a fish in one of its meadows.

Eye

One of Amsterdam's newest landmarks is a stark, white film institute, called the EYE, perched on the northern bank of the Ij waterway. While you have to pay to take in a movie, the café and its terrace are open to all who are prepared to buy a cup of coffee or light meal and offer a front-row seat to watch barges chug along the Ij against a backdrop of the city skyline. Remember that Amsterdam, at its heart, is a busy port. Getting there is another of the city's unsung pleasures — you squeeze onto a free commuter ferry usually crammed with cyclists from behind Central Station.

Markets

Amsterdam's wealth began in its port with the merchants who bought and sold everything from tulip bulbs to spices from the East Indies. A little of that mercantile past can still be seen at the city's many markets. The most famous is the Albert Cuyp food market in the Pijp neighbourhood, which sells, as the city website puts it, everything from cheese to bicycle chains, six days a week. The prettiest is the Noordermarkt, a sort of grower's market that sets up each Saturday outside the historic Noorderkerk church, next to the Prinsengracht canal. The best flea market is at Waterloo Square every day except Sunday close to the Amstel River.

A few pre-emptive steps can lessen the chances your suitcase ends up in Borneo while you're waiting in Hawaii.
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Don't languish over lost luggage

Trip tips. Losing a suitcase is a worst-case travel scenario, but you can lessen the chances your bag ends up in limbo

ON THE MOVE
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A couple of years ago while travelling to attend a conference in Barcelona, the airline lost my luggage. To add to the pain, my seat mate on the plane accidentally dropped a bowl of cereal in my lap. Arriving in wet, dirty clothes with nothing to wear was a less than pleasant experience.

Unfortunately there is nothing you can do to guarantee that your luggage makes the trip but there are a few ways to minimize the risk and the potential pain.

If it's convenient to your travels, choose an airline that has a good track record in ensuring on-time arrivals of baggage. There are several websites, like dot.gov/aircon-sumer, which will give you the latest statistics on how major carriers perform in this area.

When booking a flight try to make it's a direct one. The more changes, the greater the chance you or your bags could miss a connection.

Remove all old luggage tags from your suitcase before you arrive at the airport.

Label the bag inside and out with your contact information. By putting an address on the inside it ensures you can be reached even if your tags get ripped off. Use a work address versus your home address so any potential thieves looking for houses to target come up empty handed.

Put important items such as medications and valuables in your carry on. You will not be reimbursed for all the items in a lost piece of luggage. Airlines have a maximum that they will pay per piece of luggage, regardless of the contents.

When it comes time to fly, don't check in late. Adhere to the schedule guidelines provided by the airlines. If you are running to make a flight so is your bag.

Don't forget to hang on to your baggage claim ticket as you will definitely need it should your bag go missing.

Finally, if you are travelling with someone else consider putting a change of clothes in their suitcase. So, if you are like me and crying over spilled milk ... in your lap, you will at least have something to change into.

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Lighten up Passover with simple and tasty Mandelbrot (Biscotti)

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These biscotti are phenomenal, not to mention very simple, by just using matzo cake meal and potato starch. Be sure not to use just Matzo meal.

1. Combine eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil. Add remaining ingredients (except for chocolate drizzle) and mix until well combined.

2. Form into one log and place on baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with vegetable oil.

3. Bake at 350 F, 30 minutes.

4. Lower oven to 300 F, let cookies cool for 15 minutes, then sliced into 1-inch biscotti, lay on side, and bake another 35 minutes.

5. Drizzle: Melt chocolate and oil in microwave for 2 minutes on defrost or until chocolate begins to melt. Whisk until smooth and drizzle over biscotti.

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 1/3 cups matzo cake meal
- 1/3 cup potato starch
- 3/4 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans

Chocolate drizzle

- 3 tbsp semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp oil

This recipe makes 18 pieces. COURTESY OF ROSE REISMAN

Passover Food Facts

Here's some food info about the holiday commemorating the Exodus, the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt in the time of Moses.

- **Yeast.** Food that contains yeast is prohibited during Passover.
- **Matzo.** Unleavened bread is a central feature of the festival. In addition, all leaven must also be removed from the house during Passover, a symbolic way of removing the "puffiness" (pride) from one's soul. Leaven includes anything made from the five major grains completely cooked within 18 minutes after coming into contact with water.

Reader's note

Not all Passover traditions are the same, so the dishes on this page may not meet all dietary requirements or restrictions.
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Low fat, high flavour Matzo Ball Vegetable Soup for spring

1. Matzo balls: In bowl stir matzo meal, salt and baking powder. Add egg whites, vegetable oil and chicken broth, then stir until well combined. Cover and chill for 30 minutes.

2. While matzo mix cools, prepare vegetables. If using fava beans, in large saucepan bring 1 quart of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add shelled fava beans and blanch 1 minute. Use slotted spoon to transfer to a bowl of ice water to cool. When cool enough to handle, gently peel the skins from beans. If using lima beans, this step can be skipped.

3. Trim off and discard green parts of leeks, leaving 5 inches. Cut white part in half lengthwise, slice into 1-inch pieces (about 3 1/2 cups). Rinse well and pat them dry. Cut asparagus crosswise into 1-inch pieces.

4. In saucepan over medium, heat oil. Reduce heat to medium-low, add leeks and cook, stirring occasionally 5 minutes, or until softened. Add asparagus and mushrooms to leek mix and cook, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes, or until almost tender. Transfer vegetables to a bowl and set aside.

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5. Return the saucepan to the stovetop over medium-high heat. Add the chicken broth and bring it to a boil. Shape the chilled matzo batter into 16 balls and add them to the broth. Reduce the heat to simmer, cover and cook for 55 to 60 minutes, or until the matzo balls are tender.

6. Add the vegetable mixture to the chicken stock and matzo balls, along with the fava beans and peas and simmer until heated through. If using defrosted frozen lima beans, add them first to the soup and let them simmer for 5 minutes or until tender, then add the other vegetables. Season with salt and pepper to taste, ladle into bowls and garnish with chopped fresh dill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.

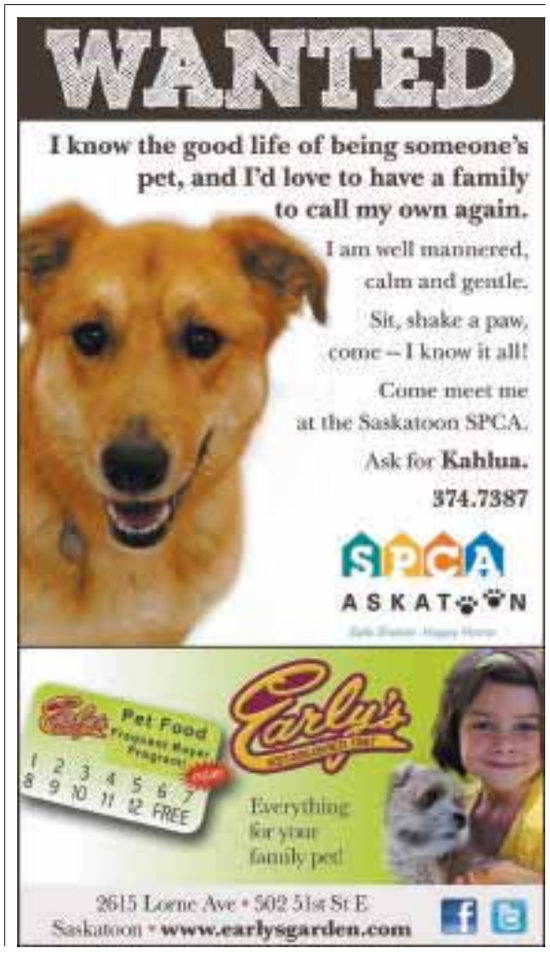
Ingredients

Matzo balls

- 3/4 cup matzo meal
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 6 large egg whites, lightly beaten
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 tbsp low-sodium chicken broth

Soup

- 1/2 lb shelled fresh fava beans or shelled fresh lima beans, or a combination
- 3 medium leeks
- 1/2 lb asparagus, tough ends discarded
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 lb small mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
- 10 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup green peas
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- Chopped fresh dill, garnish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Twits not welcome.
A recruiter reminds us how to easily avoid a social media mess

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Before you post that picture of yourself doing body shots during your Cancun spring break, I would like to offer you some friendly advice on how potential employers might interpret your online behaviour.

You need to make sure that you are projecting the best possible image to future employers, in case anyone who's thinking about hiring you takes a quick second to Google your name. People will be assessing what you've posted to see if there are any photos, videos or all caps irrational ranting that raises a red flag about your judgment, awareness or intelligence.

A few common sense tips can ensure that you come across as employable:

Think before you tweet ... about how bad your job is

I've seen far too many catastrophes caused by careless tweets. We've all witnessed heat of the moment tweets about someone's failing love life and epic drinking plans (please, spare us), but I especially urge caution when it comes to social posts about your job.

It only takes one tweet along the lines of "This job is **** and everyone here is a ****" to get you fired.

The same applies if you decide to resign. Take a moment to reflect on how rejoicing publicly about your departure from your current boss, job or co-workers could appear. Perhaps your boss is in fact an evil fascist, and maybe your co-workers do give new meaning to the word psycho, but griping about work is never a good idea. Regardless of the situation, it can make you look like a whiner and/or jerk.

@ChangeYourName

Ditch the cheesy Twitter handle

- You should be showcasing the best possible image to potential employers and @lovemonkey1990 is sending all the wrong messages.
- Sticking to your name is safest, but if you choose to use a nickname, make it something that wouldn't make your Grandma blush.

Be truthful and consistent

Now that your social profiles (especially LinkedIn) are out there for anyone and everyone to see, you need to ensure you are telling a truthful, consistent story about yourself.

If your LinkedIn profile doesn't match up to your resumé, that will raise red flags and will quickly torpedo potential opportunities. Take the same care in putting together an online profile as you would your resumé.

Maintain your personality and use it to your professional advantage

While you might think I would advocate for being a passionless yuppie robot on your social media profiles, that's not the case. Having a life outside of work makes you an interesting, well-rounded person, so maintain your unique qualities and pursuits in full view (as long as your pursuits are of the legal variety).

Remember to take the time to post updates about news and trends related to your industry. This will work to your advantage by showcasing your knowledge and interest in your field to potential employers.

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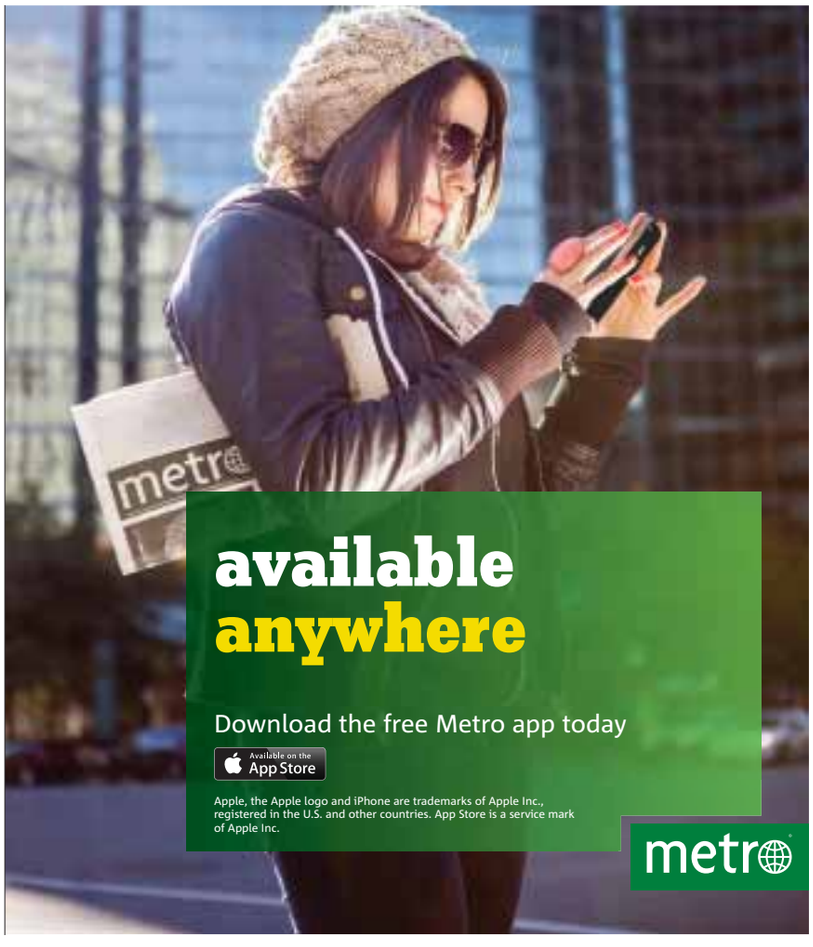
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A Face behind the Book

Tweet like it's your job.
H&M Canada's main media man tells us what it takes to do his work

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We all know that one person who seems to do nothing but post Facebook updates and tweet whatever random thought pops into mind.

(We'd be forgiven if we chose to ignore those nagging fingers pointing in our direction, too.)

But what if you could turn your aptitude with social media into a noteworthy career, one that not only puts you right where all the online action is, but gives you an opportunity to make a big difference as well?

That's exactly what Humber College grad Patrick Tackney did. Tackney first started working with his current employer, a retail clothing company, as a staff member at their flagship store in the Toronto Eaton Centre.

He slowly worked his way up the ranks, eventually holding office positions in the company's reception and travel department, and becoming a showroom assistant.

Patrick Tackney. PROVIDED

After getting his public relations diploma in 2011, Tackney had hoped to find a job working in PR. Turns out, the company that was already closest to his heart had the perfect role for him in mind.

Currently holding court as a social media manager and communications co-ordinator at H&M Canada, Tackney also notes that his job isn't just all about tweeting upcoming promos or posting pretty pictures on Facebook.

It's a serious job — one that requires deft communication skills and an extensive knowledge of, and experience with, marketing and public relations.

You won't find him complaining, though. If anything else, he was made for this job. "I've always been active in social media in my personal life and showed an interest in it. To me, it was a perfect fit."

What are your responsibilities as a social media manager? What is a typical day like?
Every day is different. I oversee all of our social media planning, execution, monitoring and analysis. I also support the PR side of things, writing and editing copy, maintaining media lists, internal communications ... the list goes on!

What do you like best about the job?
The people I work with. I also love it when I get the chance to meet our fans and followers in real life at various events, such as a shopping event, for example. It really helps solidify the relationships we work so hard to create and maintain online. That's the key to successful social media.

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WHL

Blades on brink of elimination

The Saskatoon Blades are one loss away from having a long layoff before hosting the Memorial Cup.

The Medicine Hat Tigers built a 5-0 lead at home and held on for a 5-2 victory Tuesday over the Blades in Game 3 of the opening round playoff series.

The Tigers have a stranglehold 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series, and can eliminate Saskatoon in Game 4 on Wednesday.

Curtis Valk, Kyle Becker, Steven Owre, Logan McVeigh and Hunter Shinkaruk netted goals for the Tigers.

Lukas Sutter and Dalton Thrower replied with singles for the Blades.

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NHL

Lupul lifts Leafs to win over Panthers

Joffrey Lupul scored two third-period goals to rally the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-2 win over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night.

Lupul's power-play goal 22 seconds into the third put Toronto ahead 2-1 before Florida tied it 23 seconds later when Shawn Matthias banked the puck off the skate of Leafs defenceman Mike Kostka and into the net. But Lupul brought the Air Canada Centre gathering of 19,379 to its feet at 3:12 with his second of the game.

Dion Phaneuf also scored for Toronto (18-12-4).

Tomas Fleischmann had the other goal for Florida (9-19-6). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maple Leafs forward Nazem Kadri bails out goalie Ben Scrivens by making a save on the Panthers' Jerred Smithson on Tuesday.
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Canadiens foiled by 'best player in the world' Crosby

NHL. Pens star centre provides offence to extend win streak to 13

On Tuesday

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Penguins	Canadiens

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price saw the NHL's leading scorer bearing down on him and figured he had maybe an inch or two over his right shoulder exposed.

Thing is, an inch or two is all Sidney Crosby needs these days.

Crosby beat Price with a laser to the top corner of the net late in the second period, Marc-Andre Fleury and Tomas Vokoun teamed up to stop 37 shots, and the Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 games with a 1-0 victory on Tuesday night.

"He's the best player in the world, so we got beat tonight by the best player in the world, by the perfect shot," Montreal coach Michel Therrien said.

One Crosby delivered after a rare defensive breakdown by the Canadiens. Chris Kunitz found Crosby with a pretty cross-ice pass and Crosby did the rest. His 15th goal of the season turned out to be just enough to keep Pittsburgh's march through March going.

"To win that many, your goaltenders have to steal a game or two over that time period," Crosby said. "Sometimes we've had tough periods and they've bailed us out."

Against the surprising Canadiens, the Penguins needed both. Fleury stopped all 22 shots he faced, but did not play in the third period following a collision in front of the Penguins' net. Vokoun filled in and made 15 saves to give Pittsburgh just the fourth combined shutout in franchise history.

Fleury appeared woozy after he was slammed into by teammate Tyler Kennedy and Montreal's Brian Gionta with less than a minute to go in the second. He managed to finish the final 49 seconds, but did not come out of the dressing room for the third.

Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said Fleury would "continue to be evaluated" but offered no specifics.

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Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban holds the stick of Penguins centre Sidney Crosby on Tuesday night in Pittsburgh. Crosby scored the game's lone goal as the Penguins extended their winning streak to 13 games. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diaz challenges GSP's weight for title fight

Georges St-Pierre
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Nick Diaz's camp is alleging improprieties surrounding the UFC 158 weigh-in and drug testing.

The California welterweight lost a five-round decision to champion Georges St-Pierre on March 16 at Montreal's Bell Centre.

Since then, a video shot backstage at the weigh-in has raised questions about the Quebec athletic commission (Regie des Alcools des Courses et des Jeux), showing that it treats 170.9 pounds the same as 170.

Diaz was announced at 169 pounds at the weigh-in while St-Pierre was 170 — the welterweight limit.

The Diaz camp suggests the champion's exact weight may never be known.

"In the circumstances, Mr. St-Pierre remains legally and ethically obligated to fight Mr. Diaz at 170 pounds or else vacate the belt in favour of those prepared to fight at welterweight," Jonathan Tweedale, a Vancouver lawyer for the Diaz camp, said in a statement.

Traditionally fighters are given an extra pound at weigh-ins. So a welterweight can weigh in at 171 pounds, one above the limit. But that extra pound is not allowed in the case of championship bouts.

If fighters do not make weight, they are given an extra hour to do so. If they fail, the fight can go ahead but the overweight fighter owes his opponent 20 per cent of his purse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DRIVE

Diesel: Going nowhere fast?

Autoknow. Audi A5 coupe is the perfect car to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real

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What does Europe know that we don't? Perhaps when our gas price doubles, 20 per cent fuel savings will mean more. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

It's usually tough to act all cool when you're driving a diesel, but this isn't any ordinary diesel.

Although the diesel is peppy around town, the fact that its rev ceiling is only about 4,500 rpm means you are rowing the six-speed manual transmission a lot. One strategy is to keep one gear ahead of where you would need to be with a gas engine.

Chevrolet is doing it with the Cruze and Mazda is going to do it with the new Mazda6. Of course, Volkswagen has been doing it forever, while the Jeep Grand Cherokee is going to get back into it.

"It," of course, refers to diesel engines, which have been a no-brainer in Europe for decades.

And then there's this car. Walter de'Silvia once said it's the most beautiful car he has ever designed. He should know all about that, since he heads up the styling department at Audi.

And the gleaming blue A5 coupe sure looks like a sports car with two doors, six-speed manual transmission and 19-inch wheels. The base engine is a stout gasoline V6 with 265 horsepower. There's a supercharged model, called the S5, with about 60 more horsepower. Both have Quattro all-wheel-drive. But this ... is different. It's an A5 sports car with a diesel engine.

Of course it's not available in North America — yet — but it is available in Europe. And a fast drive on an unlimited-speed section of the German Autobahn is just the ticket to confirm this two-door's claim as a true sports machine. Out here, looking the part just isn't going to cut it, especially when nearly every other car is a BMW or a Mercedes-Benz driving in the fast lane.

The A5's 220-horsepower 3.0-litre diesel engine is a new strain of diesel with a combination of civil driving characteristics, outstanding torque (more than 400 pound-feet from a small V6, which is nearly double that of the gas V6) and a projected average fuel economy in the 5.5-l/100-km range.

In terms of performance, Audi's numbers are 5.9 seconds for the sprint to 96 km/h and a top speed of 248 km/h, 0.2 seconds quicker and 50 km/h faster than the base gas V6. Wow.

Largely absent from North American roads, thrifty diesels are immensely popular in Europe, where fuel costs significantly more. At home in Canada, diesels are relegated to strong-man work, sometimes deemed too uncouth for much of anything else. But a new-generation diesel is upon us that uses cleaner fuel while filtering out the black grime that used to be synonymous with diesel ownership.

But a sports car? It's the perfect vehicle to prove that diesels are, in fact, for real. Audi also has sound logic for its development of diesel engines: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency predicts that 500 million barrels of crude oil could be saved every year in the United States alone if just one third of all vehicles were diesel powered. While about half of European vehicles are equipped with diesels, in North America that number plunges into single-digit territory.

So, here we are just outside of Munich, Germany, on a sunny spring day with the Alps carving a distinct-but-random path across the horizon.

Despite what you might have heard about the quietness of new-generation diesels, you can still tell this A5 has a diesel, although at idle it's as quiet as any gas engine. Winging the throttle reveals a slight ticking, like a loud cat purring, at the lower end of the rev range, but nothing offensive.

A small hint of turbo lag — the time it takes for the turbocharger to build boost pressure and thus power — is present, but then an exhilarating rush of torque has you on your way. But almost immediately, you have to shift. Yes, probably the most obvious adjustment to your driving style, especially in a sports car, is learning to short-shift the diesel — which means to shift much sooner than you're used to.

For example, the gas V8 in the Audi RS5 pulls past 8,000 revs. The diesel? A whopping 4,500. So, you spend much more time shifting up and down when you drive a diesel sports car because the time spent in any gear is minimized by the very narrow rev range. The A5 diesel would no doubt be quicker to 96 km/h than Audi's claim of 5.2 if the driver didn't have to go through so many shifts to get there.

On the plus side, the engine is only running at 4,200 revs or so at the maximum speed, which we can verify to be 248 km/h, or slightly better, as shown on the speedometer. At that rate, the A5 is gobbling up a football field every 1.3 seconds.

Will diesel fly? If it can fly like this on the Autobahn, then it just might have a chance.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no point trying to convince people who don't want to be convinced. The only way you can win over those who doubt you is by practicing what you preach.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There may be a pile of work that needs to be done but does it have to be done immediately? Of course not. Stay calm and make today a day of relaxation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You probably don't care in the slightest that not everyone approves of your methods. That's fine, but don't antagonize people for the sake of it. Haven't you got enough problems already?

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Both career and family matters may be under heavy influences at the moment but in a matter of days you will realize there was precious little to really be worried about. A sense of humour is a must.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Travel plans may not run smoothly today and although you may take delays in your stride other people will get hot under the collar. Make things easier for yourself, and others, by not making last minute changes.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's full moon may have you behaving in irrational ways, so wait a day before making important decisions. Do something positive and try not to give yourself too much time to think.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
More than likely you will find yourself at odds with loved ones. If you get through the day with no blazing rows, you will have done very well indeed.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the right attitude, all things are possible. With the wrong attitude even the smallest of problems seems insurmountable. Keep that thought in mind and you will find it easier to smile and get through the day.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are acutely aware of injustice but sometimes you see injustice where it does not in fact exist. Be careful what causes you get involved in today because your emotions may be a little bit off-centre.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You know what you like and you don't care if no one else on the planet agrees. You may face considerable opposition today but in a strange way it will energize you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Why do so many people you don't like insist on getting close to you? Maybe it's because your subconscious is attracting them. Or maybe they're in the mood for a fight. Either way, there will be ructions today.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't jump to conclusions today or you could spend the rest of the week apologizing for something. It may look as if someone is behaving in anti-social ways but looks can be deceiving. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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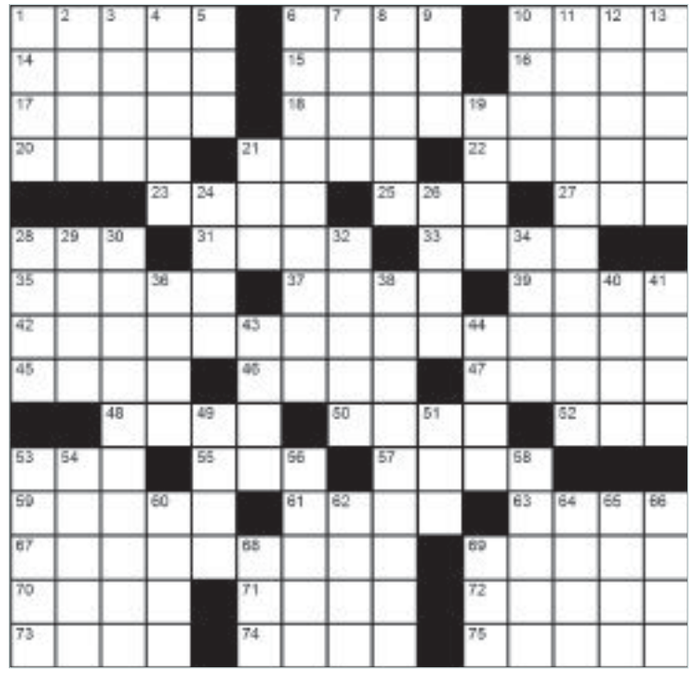
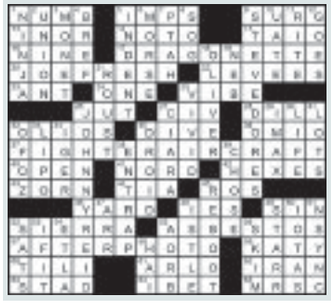


Across
1. Singer Justin, to fans
6. "__ and Michele's High School Reunion"
10. Helper, for short
14. Sarah McLachlan song
15. Bit of a classic tongue-twister, "__ Wood sawed wood."
16. "The Cosby Show" son
17. Newfoundland's __ Banks
18. NFB = National __ __
20. Riverbank deposit
21. Reply to, for short
22. Get married again
23. Mix
25. "Hotfoot it, horse!"
27. US tax bureau
28. Bawl
31. CANADA has __ _, Three As...
33. Double
35. Without the extras
37. Zap
39. NY Mets ballpark, __ Field
42. Cadbury's seasonal treats: 3 wds.
45. Actor, Dick Van __
46. Carrier of blood
47. Purport
48. Roof's rim thingy
50. Env. info
52. "Promiscuous" singer ...her initials-sharer
53. Decide
55. Hesitant sounds
57. Don Juan type
59. Rustic retreat
61. Potato chips brand
63. Does up a jacket
67. CBC series set in the Alberta foothills
69. FOX's "Glee" character
70. Rattling breathing sound
71. Border
72. Bryan Adams tune
73. Photocopies made bigger, for short
74. Celebrity chef, Paula __
75. Where actors might be: 2 wds.

Down
1. Purses
2. Crucifix inscription
3. Equal: French
4. Tendencies
5. Like the purchased house [abbr.]
6. Citation
7. Medical suffix
8. Ralph __ ("Happy Days" role)
9. "Delish!"
10. Stick _ __ in the water
11. Jean Chretien's home-town in Quebec
12. More dry
13. Namesakes of actor Mr. Bridges
19. Cauldron's content
21. __ Tin Tin
24. Musical quality
26. Any thing
28. Went too fast
29. Skin care products brand
30. Sport invented in 1891 by McGill grad James Naismith
32. Governing body of The Vatican
34. Reykjavik is its cap.
36. Virginia willow
38. Canadiens great goaltender-turned-politician: 2 wds.
40. Two-days-from-Wed. exclamation!
41. Belief systems
43. Winnebago owner, informally
44. Hosiery hue
49. Let off steam
51. Li'l hairstyles
53. Earthy pigment
54. Praiseful hymn in ancient Greece
56. "Run Runaway" band from England
58. Canadian rock producer, Bob __
60. Wraths
62. Brad's beloved, briefly
64. "Take __ __ a blessing.
65. Hardwood flooring choice
66 Show to one's table
68. Zeppelin's pal
69. Hubbub

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7	5		2	1				
		8	5	4				2
2					9	1	5	
4		1			5		2	
	3		8		4		7	
	8		1			3		6
	9	4	6					5
1				5	8	7		
				2	1		3	9

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	1
4	2	8	1	6	7	9	5	3
5	1	3	4	9	8	2	6	7
8	3	6	9	1	4	5	7	2
2	4	9	5	7	6	3	1	8
1	7	5	2	8	3	4	9	6
3	5	2	6	4	1	7	8	9
7	8	1	8	2	5	6	3	4
6	8	4	7	3	9	1	2	5

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